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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ABIDJAN ALGIERS NOUAKCHOTT
TUNIS MADRID PARIS TRIPOLI FROM RABAT 24 SEP 73:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4381

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MOROCCO'S DESIRE TO FORM GROUPING OF MODERATE AFRICAN
STATES

1. FONMIN BENHIMA TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 22 THAT MOROCCANS
EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH JUST-CONCLUDED VISIT OF PRESIDENT
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. HE SAID THAT "AFTER ALGIERS" GOM HAD
DECIDED THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FORM GROUPING OF
"MODERATE" AFRICAN STATES TO COUNTERBALANCE "RADICALISM"
DISPLAYED DURING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. IVORY COAST
WAS KEY MEMBER OF SUCH GROUPING, WHOSE FORMATION MOROCCO
HOPED TO BE ABLE TO INSPIRE.

2. COMMENT: IN SPEECH AT BANQUET WHICH HOUPHOUET-GOIGNY
GAVE IN HIS HONOR, KING WAS EXTRAORDINARILY
DEFERENTIAL TO HOUPHOUET AS WISE ELDER STATESMAN TO
WHOM AFRICAN LEADERS OF KING'S GENERATION OWED MUCH.

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IN SPEAKING OF FORMATION OF "MODERATE" GROUP, GOM

OBVIOUSLY REACTING TO ISOLATION IN WHICH IT FOUND
ITSELF AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE. WAS PARTICULARLY
GALLING TO MOROCCAN LEADERSHIP TO HAVE BEEN
EXCLUDED FROM MEETING BETWEEN ALGERIA, LIBYA, TUNISIA
AND MAURITANIA. ROCKWELL UNQUOTE RUSH

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